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work on construction project No W 542
in the Querfurt area was to start during 1954 with 100 to 150
workers. The total work force employed on the project was to be
increased to 500 men in 1955. Construction superintendent Mueller
(fnu) was billeted in the restaurant "Zur Tanne" in Querfurt,
telephone No 319.

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In January 1955, work is to begin on a new construction project in
Falkenberg. At the same time, a new construction site will be
established in the area between Seeiche - Ahrenshoop - Baltic Sea
coast.

Between 18 and 25 October 1954, the individual construction sites
were prepared for winter work. The construction staff at Tutow
agrees to transfer 3 iron bending machines to Frankfurt/Oder. Both
Stolz (fnu), chief construction superintendent, and Pfeil (fnu), chief
of the construction staff III, detached 4 carpenters from the Gross
Doelln construction site to Querfurt where barracks were under
construction.

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An unloading detail of 10 to 15 men was to be detached as quickly
as possible to Querfurt.

conference on 19 October 1954:

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new construction sites:

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Eggesin: water containers
work force: 50 to 60 men
business manager: Loewenstein (fnu)

Torgau: quay wall
work force: 20 men
ramming work
foreman Fehse (fnu)

W 542 in the Querfurt area: work force in initial stage of construction
work: 300 men, to be increased to 500 in 1955
construction superintendent: Mueller (fnu)
business manager: Kursave (fnu)

Falkenberg near Torgau: work force: up to about 500 men, after arrival
of construction plans
(20-meter lane ?)

Pasewalk: work on concrete roads after 1 January 1955,
no construction plans received as yet

Tieke (fnu) was sent to Gross Doelln to determine the status of construction work and whether the conditions for the promised bonus of 10,000 eastmarks had been fulfilled.

3. [REDACTED] conference on 26 October 1954:

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The following new construction sites were mentioned:

W 542 in the Querfurt area: up to 300 men employed in 1954

Torgau: quay wall, 20 men employed

Eggesin: concrete water containers
ramming work, 68 men employed

Pasewalk: excavation and concreting work on roads,
construction work on large bakery and
butcher's shop
overground work done by Bezirksbauunion

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Falkenberg: Work will start in 1954.

No final decisions have been reached on training works on the Pleisse River between Borna and Leipzig. Preparatory work is under way on a bridge in Schwedt/Oder.

Repair work is to be taken over by the Kirchmoeser railroad repair shop (RAW). Construction work is scheduled to be done on the Brielow and Friedensstrasse Bridges in Brandenburg.¹

4. Airfield construction projects:

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a. Vietmannsdorf

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the airfield was to be completed by 20 November 1954. The work-shops, cement sheds and storage facilities in the area between the runway and taxiway and the spur track leading to this site had to be removed because this area was to be declared off-limits to civilian workers. Concreting work was to be completed as quickly as possible on the remaining 170-meter stretch of the taxiway at the intersection with the spur track. Two and a half strips of the 7-strip connecting lane A/B were concreted. A third concrete mixer was used to complete work on the taxiway by the target date fixed. The government had allowed overtime work. The total fine chipping production of the Soviet Zone of Germany was reserved for the two airfield construction projects at Vietmannsdorf and Tutow. Recently there has been a shortage of quarry men and a lack of spare parts for tools used by these workers.

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a total of 30 million eastmarks was all
Vietmannsdorf for 1955. This sum approximately corresponded
the sum expended in 1953.

b. Tutow

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concreting work at Tutow airfield was completed except on 2 connecting roads. In order to complete the field by the fixed target date, VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg had to help Bauunion Waren which was in delay with work on the buildings at the field. Construction sheds etc. had to be removed from the field area and the billets on the edge of the field had to be vacated by the workers because the flying personnel were to move into these billets and the barracks buildings. While only about half of Vietmannsdorf airfield was completed, work on Tutow airfield was terminated except for work on a fuel and ammunition dump.

c. Querfurt

Work on Querfurt airfield was delayed by an increased shortage of workers and lack of spare parts. Chief construction

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superintendent was Schlueter (fnu) of chief construction staff IV. Construction supervisor was Mueller (fnu) and business manager was Kursave (fnu).

d. Falkenberg

It has not been determined whether construction work at Falkenberg airfield is to be done by VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg or by Bauunion Sued.²

5. Bauunions of the Ministry of the Interior

The Bauunion Sued and the Bauunion Kueste were directly subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior. They received their orders and payment from the Ministry of the Interior/KVP. The Bauunion Sued which the Soviets believed was the best Bauunion was charged by the Soviets with construction work at Gotha airfield because VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg was not available for this work. The construction site at Gotha airfield was subordinate to the Soviet construction staff in Werder.³

6. In 1954, VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg was employed for sub-surface construction work with about 30 percent and for above-ground construction work with about 70 percent of its production capacity. In 1955, even more above-ground work is to be done by this construction firm which, among others, employed the following personnel:

Herr Preis (fnu)	in charge of technical planning
Herr Tittelwitz (fnu)	technical manager
Herr Greiser (fnu)	calculator at Tutow airfield.

1. Comment. The following information is available on the construction projects mentioned:

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a. Air force projects:

Querfurt	new airfield, construction work was recently started
Tutow	new airfield, under construction
Vietmannsdorf (Gross Doelln)	new airfield, under construction
Falkenberg	presumably Alt Loennewitz airfield which, is to be improved with unit will remain there.

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b. Bridges:

Schwedt/Oder)	bridge construction projects of the 1954 program
Brandenburg)	

- c. Other projects: no further details available.

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2. Comment. Airfield construction projects:

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Vietmannsdorf. The target date of 20 November 1954 only refers to the 1954 construction plan.

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Tutow. It is expected that work will not be completed before the spring of 1955.

Querfurt. Work is still in the initial stage. Temporary buildings for workers are under construction. A spur track is to be built in 1954.

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Falkenberg. This project presumably refers to Alt Loennewitz airfield.

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3. Comment. The Gotha project refers to the new airfield near Wolfsbehringen 15 km west-northwest of Gotha, which has Object No 541.

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